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1420 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
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Re: Application of Telrite Corporation and Applewood Communications Corporation for Approval of
an Asset Purchase Agreement
Docket No. 2012-352-C

Dear Mr. Nowalsky:

On or around September 20, 2012, Telrite Corporation ("Telrite") and Applewood Communications, Inc. ("Applewood") (together "Applicants") filed a letter with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") advising the Commission of an asset purchase agreement between the applicants. ORS was not served with the letter but learned of the filing through the Commission's docket management system.

The letter states that it is the applicant's understanding that the transaction to take place pursuant to the asset purchase agreement does not require prior Commission approval. However, S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310 (Supp. 2011) states that, "No telephone utility, without the approval of the Commission after due hearing and compliance with all other existing requirements of the laws of the State in relation thereof, may sell, transfer, lease, consolidate, or merge its property, powers, franchises, or privileges or any of them...". Therefore, it is the understanding of ORS that the applicants must request and obtain Commission approval of the said transaction.

ORS recommends the applicants request and obtain Commission approval of the asset purchase agreement.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Public Service Commission